



NOAA Sea Grant International Latin America and Caribbean Program



Expanding Opportunities by Linking Existing Programs: Partnership between Sea Grant and The Senior Fulbright Specialists Program

NOAA Research International Activities Office, in conjunction with Sea Grant and the U.S. State Department, is developing a partnership that will serve to link the highly qualified and uniquely skilled members of the Sea Grant Network with the international opportunities available through the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program. The Fulbright Senior Specialists Program, administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES), is a program that foreign academic institutions may wish to utilize. The Fulbright Senior Specialists Program differs from the traditional Fulbright Scholar competition in that CIES creates rosters of specialists in a variety of fields through an open application process. Approved applicants become candidates for the Fulbright Senior Specialists program. As countries request specialists, candidates are matched with the appropriate programs.

What Role Does the Sea Grant International Have?

Informally linking the Sea Grant program and the Fulbright Senior Specialists program provides opportunities to support the WW2BW initiative by providing trained, technical experts and educators from the Sea Grant Network with potential opportunities related to the ecosystem based approach. Interested specialists from the Sea Grant network would be available as part of CIES roster of Fulbright Senior Specialists. Sea Grant could provide technical expertise from among its affiliated individuals and the Senior Specialists Program provides an extremely well-respected institutional affiliation, logistical, and financial support to accommodate their overseas experience with a host-country university that has requested the assistance.

What Types of Skills and Expertise Do Sea Grant Specialists Offer?

Sea Grant personnel are well suited to these overseas positions due to their experience dealing with diverse cultures and interest groups, their focus on community integration and involvement and their technical skills. The Fulbright Senior Specialists program offers Sea Grant personnel a chance to expand their professional experience, reinvigorate their commitment to research and extension through contact with other university faculty, and allow them to return to their Sea Grant positions with an enhanced, global perspective on the implications of their work.

Examples of potential short term Sea Grant work that could be conducted under this framework include technical courses that could cover topic such as: assisting with administrative structuring and strategic planning, developing a peer review process for the institution, or designing an outreach/extension program, among others.

What Are the Time and Resource Demands of the Program?

The Senior Specialists program is designed for career professionals that are interested in short, 2 to 6 week assignments. Grants awarded include international economy fare travel and per diem plus a \$200 per day honorarium. Per diem costs, which are in-country costs for lodging, meals & in-country transportation, are covered by the host institution.

How Do You Request the Services of a Senior Fulbright Specialist?

Countries eligible to participate in the program include those where there is a U.S. embassy or a Fulbright Commission. Foreign academic institutions interested in requesting a Fulbright Senior Specialists must make their request through their local Fulbright Commission. If no such commission exists, then interested institutions should submit their request to the Public Affairs Office at the U.S. Embassy. It is important to note that CIES does not receive project requests directly. The Fulbright Office receives requests and reviews them. The local Fulbright office may have specific steps in the review of requests. If the project request is approved, it is then forwarded to CIES for processing.

As CIES receives requests from overseas academic institutions seeking Specialists, CIES will contact those candidates on the Roster with the most relevant professional experience to ascertain their interest and availability for the grant opportunity. CIES will then send the applications of interested candidates to the overseas Fulbright office (either the local Fulbright commission or the U. S. Embassy that approved the request) for final selection. The Fulbright office in that country, in cooperation with the host academic institution will then make the final selection of the grantee.

How Do I Find Out If My Country Has a Fulbright Commission?

The listing below provides general contact and website information for programs involved in the Fulbright Senior Specialists network. In addition, the list provides information on the Fulbright Commissions in the Western Hemisphere as well as Embassy Public Affairs contact information

Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) 3400 International Drive, NW, Suite M-500 Washington, Dc 20008-3097 Telephone: (202) 686-4000 http://www.cies.org	Institute of International Education (IIE) 809 United Nations Plaza New York, NY 10017 Telephone: (212) 883-8200 http://www.iie.org/fulbright
Academic and Professional Programs for the Americas (LASPAU) 25 Mt. Auburn Street Cambridge, MA 02138 Telephone: (617) 495-5255 http://www.laspau.harvard.edu	United States Department of State 301 4 th Street, SW State Annex 44 Washington, DC 20547 http://exchanges.state.gov Educational Partners Program (202) 619-5289 Teacher & Administrator Exchange Program (202) 619-4556

Fulbright Commissions & Foundations in the Western Hemisphere

ARGENTINA Director: Norma González Telephone: 541-14-814-3561 Fax: 541-14-814-1377 www.fulbright.edu.ar	BRAZIL Director: Luiz Loureiro Telephone: 55-61-364-0776 Fax: 55-61-364-0647 www.fulbright.org.br	CANADA Director: Michael Hawes Telephone: 613-237-5366 Fax: 613-237-2029 www.fulbright.ca
CHILE Director: Denise Saint Jean Telephone: 562-334-4368 Fax: 562-232-3173 www.fulbrightchile.cl	COLOMBIA Director: Agustín Lombana Telephone: 571-287-7831 Fax: 571-287-3520 www.fulbright.edu.co	ECUADOR Director: Susana Cabeza de Vaca Telephone: 593-22-222-103 Fax: 593-22-508-149
MEXICO Director: Arturo Borja Telephone: 525-592-2861 Fax: 525-208-8943 www.comexus.org.mx	PERU Director: Henry Harman Telephone: 511-475-3083 Fax: 511-241-5319 www.fulbrightperu.org.pe	URUGUAY Director: Mercedes Jimenez de Arechaga Telephone: 598-2901-4160 Fax: 598-2903-2031 www.fulbright.org.uy

Embassy Public Affairs Sections in the Western Hemisphere

PAS Asunción Telephone: 595-21-213-715	PAS Bridgetown Telephone: 246-436-4950	PAS Caracas Telephone: 582-975-6423	PAS Guatemala Telephone: 502-311-7477
PAS Kingston Telephone: 876-935-6053	PAS La Paz Telephone: 591-2-432-605	PAS Managua Telephone: 505-268-3808	PAS Panama Telephone: 507-207-7243
PAS Port-au-Prince Telephone: 509-222-1504	PAS Port of Spain Telephone: 868-633-5379	PAS San Jose Telephone: 506-290-0007	PAS Santo Domingo Telephone: 809-540-5745
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